Havana - Cuba - May 1st 1872 -

My Dear Bishop:-

The work of the Church in the Island of Cuba which Bishop Whipple advocates in the House of Bishops during the session of the last General Convention was commenced last November and so far has met with a good degree of success — I came here at a time when excitement was at the highest growing out of the trouble occasioned by the Volunteers - which - as you know - caused much commotion in the United States. but notwithstanding - We were able by God's help to commence the Church's work. which has increased in interest and numbers ever since — Our services have been largely attended and at times by many Cubans and Spaniards who have been loud in their approval - and seeming by anxious for our success —

Deemed it prudent to do the work without much noise at first and so held services on the U. S. Steamer "Ferret" which was well adapted for the purpose the Captain built him a house on deck which served as a Vestry room - We had a choir organization and a musical instrument - And Sunday after Sunday the deck of the Vessel was crowded with Worshippers - and at times we had as many as fifty - and Sixty to partake of the Holy Communion — During Lent we had a Litany Service every day - as above —

On the 18th of April the Steamer was ordered by our Government to Key West - and since then

enough scholars to make it self supporting —

Bishop Whipple was in Havana at Easter and remained with me a few days — We then elected an treasurer of the Church fund Mr. Benjamin E. Lawton of the firm of Lawton Bro's Havana - Cuba — As the House of Bishops is not in session I have adopted this plan of communicating our wants to the Church of the United States. I trust that we shall meet with a hearty response. Please address me in care of the Consul General of the United States or Mr. Benjamin E. Lawton of Lawton Brothers No. 13. Calle Mercaderes - Havana - Cuba — Please remit any amounts that may be collected to Messrs. S. & W. Welch - Philadelphia - Penn^a. - the trustees of the Cuba fund in the United States, — Subject to Mr. Lawton's draft —

Asking your prayers and an Early reply —

I am Dear Bishop —

Yours Very Sincerely

Edward Kewley

To the

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